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Group Art Unit 2814

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From: Phillip E. Miller

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Re:

Filing of Amendment and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter

U. S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/080,568

Our Ref: YOR.324DIV

Dear Examiner Cao:

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 which should place this Application in condition for immediate allowance. An Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter is also submitted herewith.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

Phillip E. Miller

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FORMATION OF ARRAYS OF MICROELECTRONICS ELEMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	After Amendment	Prev. Paid for	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Due
Total claims	25	21	4	18.00	\$72.00
Indep. claims	3	3	0	84.00	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					\$72.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$72.00 to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 to cover the cost of the Excess Claim Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

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